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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY LABOR COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY PASSES RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING PROPOSED KENOSHA CASINO**

**Council highlights economic analyses showing Kenosha and Milwaukee facilities
can successfully co-exist, prosper and benefit Wisconsin**

MILWAUKEE – The Milwaukee County Labor Council, AFL-CIO today announced it has unanimously passed a resolution supporting the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin's proposal to build a casino and entertainment center in Kenosha. The resolution expresses the organization's support for the facility and encourages Wisconsin's governor and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to allow the project to proceed. The Labor Council represents more than 55,000 members from 135 local unions and affiliates throughout Metro Milwaukee.

"The Milwaukee County Labor Council believes in supporting projects like the Menominee casino, because it is in the best interest of the community as a whole," said the resolution. The resolution also acknowledged a signed Project Labor Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding and said these steps "demonstrated (the Tribe's) commitment to being a quality employer."

The resolution also acknowledges the thousands of good-paying jobs the Kenosha entertainment center would create both during construction and once the facility is open.

"We are pleased to support this outstanding project that will bring jobs and new opportunities for the residents of Southeast Wisconsin," said Sheila D. Cochran, Secretary-Treasurer/Chief Operating Officer of the Milwaukee County Labor Council, AFL-CIO. "The Kenosha casino is a good project for Southeastern Wisconsin's working men and women, and for our state's economy. The Menominee Tribe's plan will help to make Kenosha and all of Southeast Wisconsin stronger and more vibrant."

Cochran also noted that the Menominee Indian Tribe is one of the state's poorest tribes and this project would be a way to help both the Tribe and Southeast Wisconsin residents at the same time.

"We are honored and proud to have the support of the Milwaukee County Labor Council, AFL-CIO," said Karen Washinawatok, the Tribe's chairperson. "We strongly believe that this will be a

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valuable project for Southeast Wisconsin and are pleased to have the support of labor leaders in Milwaukee, Kenosha, Racine and throughout the state. We look forward to working with the Labor Council as this project moves through the approval process.”

The Menominee Indian Tribe announced its initial plans to build a casino and entertainment facility in Kenosha in 2004. The project, which has the support of local community and business leaders, is currently awaiting approval from the BIA and Wisconsin’s governor.

The Milwaukee County Labor Council is an alliance of more than 45,000 members from 140 locals and affiliates.

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